

*AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS*

The attached thirteen (13) replacement sheets contain replacement FIGS. 1-18. These replacement sheets are submitted as formal drawing and should replace the prior informal drawings filed with the original application. No changes other than to the aesthetic clarity of the drawings are included in the replacement sheets.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1-13

*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**Discussion of the Claim Amendment:*

Applicant hereby submits this Amendment After Allowance and requests that it be entered prior to grant and issuance of a patent on the present application. Applicant through this amendment seeks to amend some of the allowed claims to correct minor terminology errors. Specifically, Applicant seeks to amend claims 9, 11, and 34 to change the erroneous phrase “longitudinally extending channels” to the corrected phrase “horizontally extending channels.” These amendments bring claims 9, 11, and 34 into better conformance with the originally filed specification which discloses at page 6, lines 2-3, that “the base section 12 has a plurality of integrally formed, horizontally extending channels 24.” Hence, the amendments are fully supported by the original specification and thus add no new subject matter. Furthermore, it is readily apparent that the amendments concerning the “extending channels” do not increase or otherwise affect the scope of the allowed claims. In fact, the “extending channels” feature does not appear as one of the considerations given in the Examiner’s Statement of Reasons for Allowance, mailed on October 6, 2006. Accordingly, the amendments to claims 9, 11, and 12 are proper amendments after allowance and Applicant respectfully requests their entry.

On January 3, 2007, Applicant’s representative J. Karl Gross contacted Examiner Lincoln Donovan of the United States Patent Office by phone to discuss these amendments including the reasons for them presented above. During the conversation, Examiner Donovan expressed a belief that the amendments were proper and would not affect the scope of the claims and further suggested to Applicant’s representative that amendments be made part of a Rule 1.312 Amendment After Allowance. On January 8, 2007, Applicant’s representative J. Karl Gross also contacted Examiner Angel Estrada, to whom this application had been assigned, and discussed the substance of the claim amendments. Examiner Estrada also indicated that the amendment appeared proper and would be acceptable.

*Discussion of the Drawing Amendments:*

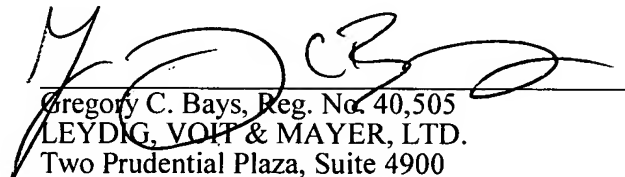
Replacement sheets 1-13 attached hereto are submitted as formal drawings and, other than improving the aesthetic clarity of the drawings, include no substantive changes from the

originally filed drawings. The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve the accompanying replacement drawings.

*Conclusion:*

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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